TO THE

KINGS

Most Excellent

MAJESTIE

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PETITION

of the Knights, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of the County of *York*.

With their Humble Requeſt to His Maieſty for the removing of unruly Souldiers billited in the ſaid County.

Whereunto is annexed

A Copy of a Writing which hath beene lately diſperſt amongſt the Catholikes in *England*, by Sir *Iohn Winter*, Her Maieſties principall Secretary and Maſter of Reqneſts, touching and concerning a contribution of Money towards his Majeſties ſupply of his Army.

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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

A Copy of an humble Petition presented to his Majesty at Colebrooke, *from the Knights, Gentlemen, and Free-holders of the same County of York, with their humble request to his Majesty for the removing of unruly Souldiers, billetted in their said County.*

MAy it please Your most Excellent Majesty, your most humble Subjects shew unto Your most sacred Maiesty, that in all humility this County hath endeavoured to fulfill your Maiesties command, with the forwardest of your Maiestyes Subiects in the executions of your Maiestyes royall commands about the military affayres, have expended an hundred thousand pounds to our great impoverishment, and far above the proportion of other Conntyes, which although

though wee have beene willing to ſerve your Maieſty, yet for the future, the burthen is ſo heavy that we cannot nor are able to forbeare, now upon this our cheerfulneſſe to ſerve your Majeſty, we hoped to have found equal favour with the other Counties.

But ſo it is moſt gracious Soveraigne to our great greife, as we conceive your Maieſties intentions are wholly againſt the Parliament to the great diſſervice of your Maieſty, we finde our ſelves oppreſſed with the billetting of unruly Souldiers, whoſe ſpeeches and actions tending to burning of our villages, and houſes, and to whoſe inſolencyes and villanyes we are ſo dayly ſubject, as we cannot ſay, we poſſeſſe our wives and children and eſtates in ſafety, wherefore wee are emboldened humbly to preſent this our complaint, beſeeching that as the billetting of Souldiers in any of your Subjects houſes againſt their will, is contra-

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ry to the ancient laws of this Kingdom, confirmed by your Maiesty in the Petition of right.

We most humbly desire your most sacred Maiesty, that this insupportable burthen may bee taken from us, least by their insolencies some bad accident may happen, as will bee much displeasing to your sacred Maiesty, and your most loyal Subiects will never cease to pray for your Maiesties happy raigne.

Phillip Wharton.	*Henry Fairefax.*
Thomas Gower.	*John Hotham.*
Richard Raniugton.	*William Franckland.*
Thomas Hebblewayte.	*Christopher Percy.*
Peregrine Stapleton.	*Edmond Stanhop.*
William Sheffield.	*Richard Darly.*
John Ramsden.	*Hugh Bethell.*
Ingram Hopten.	*Abraham Anderson.*
George Freby.	*George Moorewood.*

Thomas

Thomas Hiſhitb.	*John Anſuby.*
William Strickland.	*John Stappleton.*
George Wentworth.	*Thomas Connington.*
Thomas Leger.	*Will. Marlesby.*
John Fowleſby.	*George Butler.*
Hugh Cholmly.	*George Crotter.*

Cum multis aliis.

A Copie of a Writing which hath bin lately disperst amongst the Catholikes in England, *by Sir* John Winter, *Knight, Her Majesties principall Secretary and Master of Requests, touching and concerning a contribution of money towards His Majesties supply of His Army.*

BY Her Majesties Command to the Catholiks in England, Greeting, We have so good a beliefe of the loyalty and affection of His Majesties Subiects, as we doubt not but upon this occasion for the defence of His Maiesties Honour and Dominions, you will expresse your selves so affected as her Highnesse hath alwayes represented your Obedience to His Maiesty, so in this common consent which hath appeared in the Nobility, the Judges, Gentry and others, to forward His Maiesties service by their persons and estates, her Majesty hath made no difficulty to answer for the same correspondencie in his Catholike Subiects, notwithstanding they have already concurred to His Majesties service, according to the qualities and values of each severall Gentlemans estate: Therefore having already by other meanes recommended to Her Majesty this earnest desire of yours, to assist and serve His Majesty by some considerable summe of money, Her Majesty freely

ly and cheerefully preſented, her Maieſty hath thought fit, to the end that this her deſire may be the more publike, and the more authorized, hereby, commanding me to give you Commiſſion and Direction to diſtribute Copies under hand of this Teſtification thereof unto thoſe that have met at London by Her Majeſties direction about this buſineſſe, and unto the ſeverall Collecters of every County, and as her Majeſty preſumes the ſum that ſhall be raiſed will not bee unworthy our preſenting to the King, ſo will Her Maieſty bee very ſencible of that, as a particular favour to her Majeſty in the moſt efficacious manner her Maieſtie can, to improve the merit of it, to remove any apprehenſion of prejudice to any who ſhall imploy themſelves towards the ſucceſſe of this buſineſſe, by this they may be aſſured, that Her Maieſty will ſecure them from all objected inconveniencies. And Her Majeſty is very confident, that Her Majeſties firſt recommendation will bee ſo complyed withall, as that it may not onely afford Her Majeſty her particular ſatisfaction, but alſo facilitation towards their owne advantages.

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